



March #15greenmins checklist

In the flower garden

- ☐ 'Spring clean' herbaceous borders: cut back dead foliage, weed and mulch
- ☐ Secure supports for perennial plants
- ☐ Protect young shoots from slugs and snails
- ☐ Sprinkle general fertilizer around spring bulbs
- ☐ Prune back Buddleia and Cornus (Dogwood) – hard
- ☐ Plant snowdrops in the green
- ☐ Prune summer-flowering shrubs (e.g. Hydrangea paniculata), climbers (e.g. late-flowering Clematis), and Wisteria before spring growth appears
- ☐ Tie in climbers
- ☐ Check pots for vine weevil larvae
- ☐ Top dress pots with fertilizer/new compost
- ☐ Plant Dahlia tubers
- ☐ March seed sowings – check seed packets for timings
- ☐ Pot on over-wintered cuttings and plug plants

In the vegetable garden

- ☐ Prepare vegetable beds for sowing (weed, mulch etc.)
- ☐ March sowings – check seed packets for timings (e.g. tomatoes indoors)

In the fruit garden

- ☐ Cut back autumn-fruiting raspberries to ground level
- ☐ Feed fruit trees, bushes and cane fruit with a potash feed
- ☐ Protect fruit blossoms from frost

Other jobs

- ☐ Lawns: feed, aerate, repair edges, re-seed bare patches, rake out moss, mow
- ☐ Ventilate greenhouses and cold frames on warm days
- ☐ Feed the birds